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SUBJECT: TRANSFER OF US CITIZEN TO UNCTAD, MR. GEORGE SFEIR

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1. MISOFF DISCUSSED SFEIR CASE WITH PAUL MCCUSHER (US, FORMER FSO) SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER IN CHARGE OF PLACEMENT, WHO WAS FULLY KNOWLEDGEABLE ON ALL ASPECTS, HAVING BEEN DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN SEEKING SOLUTION. (MCCUSKER KNEW SFEIR IN UNIDO AS WELL.)
2. MCCUSKER INFORMED MISOFF UNCTAD WAS WILLING TO TAKE SFEIR ON TWO-YEAR ASSIGNMENT BUT REFUSED TO TAKE HIM ON TRANSFER. AL-ATTAR WOULD ONLY CONSENT TO FURTHER ASSIGNMENT OF SFEIR TO UNCTAD IF HE HAD ANOTHER D-1 POST AGAINST WHICH HE COULD RECRUIT IMMEDIATELY TO CARRY ON SFEIR'S ECWA FUNCTIONS. MCCUSKER WAS EMPHATIC THAT SALAMEH ET ALLABORED WITH BOTH UNCTAD AND ECWA TO RESOLVE ISSUE AND VIEWED REMAINING STEP UP TO US TO CONVINCE UNCTAD TO TAKE SFEIR ON TRANSFER. MCCUSKER HAD DISCUSSED PROBLEM ALSO WITH GHERAB.
3. ACCORDING UNCTAD/NY STEIN ROSSEN IS ON LEAVE IN NORWAY AND NOT EXPECTED IN NEW YORK UNTIL MID-JANUARY.

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4. USMISSION GENEVA MAY WISH TO RESUME DISCUSSION WITH UNCTAD IN EFFORT PERSUADE AGREEMENT TO OUTRIGHT TRANSFER. IO/EX/IR CONCURS IN THIS SUGGESTION.
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